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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0330

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR VM LA US PEPR
SUBJECT: SRV CANCELLED OVERFLIGHT RIGHT DISCUSSIONS WITH PANAM

REF: A VIENTIANE 0312, B VIENTIANE 0327

1. THE PAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENTIANE TO
DISCUSS OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS WITH THE LPDR AND THE SRV
(REF A) TOLD US MARCH 13 THAT THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN
VIENTIANE HAD INFORMED THEM MARCH 12 THAT PHUNG THE TAI,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL CIVIL AVIATION ADMINIS-
TRATION OF VIETNAM WOULD NOT COME TO VIENTIANE TO MEET
WITH THEM AS PLANNED. THE PANAM REPS UNDERSTOOD THAT
PHUNG THE TAI HAD CANCELLED THE MEETING "FOR POLITICAL
REASONS." PHUNG THE TAI, WHO WAS TO FLY TO VIENTIANE
FOR THE OVERFLIGHT DISCUSSIONS ON MARCH 9, POSTPONED
HIS TRIP UNTIL THE 12TH AND THEN CANCELLED IT
ALTOGETHER. THE PANAM REPS HAD INFORMED THE SRV MARCH
10 THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO GO TO HANOI FOR THE
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TALKS IF NECESSARY BUT APPARENTLY WERE NOT INVITED TO
HANOI BY THE SRV.

2. AFTER LEARNING THAT THE TALKS WERE OFF, THE PANAM
REPS SAID THAT THEY HAD SUBMITTED A FORMAL APPLICATION
REQUESTING SRV OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN
VIENTIANE FOR CABLE TRANSMISSION TO HANOI. THE PANAM

REPS SAID THAT THEY WOULD SEND A COPY OF THE APPLICATION TO EMBASSIES VIENTIANE AND BANGKOK AS WELL AS TO THE ICAO AND IATA.

3. THE LPDR GAVE THE PANAM REPS SPECIAL PERMISSION TO DEPART LAOS VIA THE THADEUA RIVER CROSSING POINT ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 13.

4. THE PANAM REPS PLAN TO STAY IN BANGKOK FOR ABOUT 48 HOURS AND HAVE REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY VIENTIANE NOTIFY THEM THROUGH EMBASSY BANGKOK OR THE DEPARTMENT IF WE RECEIVE A REPLY TO OUR MARCH 11 DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE LPDR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING PANAM OVER-FLIGHT RIGHTS OF LAOS, REF B. THE REPS SAID THAT, IN ADDITION TO CONTACTING EMBASSY BANGKOK, THEY WOULD TRY TO MEET WITH OUR CHARGE, GEORGE BOBERTS, IN BANGKOK. CHAMBERLIN

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